

MORMUGAO PORT TRUST
MARINE DEPARTMENT

DC/G-26/2007/189

March 29, 2007.

C I R C U L A R

Sub: Movement of barges and fishing boats in Harbour.

It has been brought to our notice that an iron ore carrying barge has made contact with berth No.5A of the South West Port Ltd. (SWPL) at 1930 hrs. on March 23, 2007. We understand that there was overcrowding of the barges at mole and breakwater, as a result of which barges' ropes have broken and a number of barges were set adrift without their engines running. This appears to be the reason for which the said barge made contact with berth No.5A.

The quantum of damages is being ascertained, which will be recoverable from the barge owners. There have been other instances of barges approaching berth No.7 and other vacant berths, and even tying up without permission.

Overcrowding of barges at mole and breakwater will not be permitted. Barges are not permitted to approach any berth other than barge unloader berths, No.10 berth bunkering oil jetty and breakwater, without the prior approval of the Harbour Master/Deputy Conservator/Traffic Manager. Barge owners are therefore, requested to advise the Masters of their barges to ensure that barges keep well clear of the berths in Mormugao port, including SWPL berths and Western India Shipyard Ltd. area.

Further, it is reiterated that barges and fishing boats shall follow the traffic guidelines stipulated in the Official Gazette, Govt. of Goa, Notification No.GSR No.99(E) dated 19.02.1996. (Appendix 'F' and Appendix 'H' are attached for easy reference).

Any contravention of the above mentioned directives shall attract penal action under the rules, apart from recovery of damages caused to the berth. Fishing trawlers are also to abide by the instructions in this circular.

(Capt. Anil Panjwani)
DEPUTY CONSERVATOR

Encls: Appendix 'F' & 'H'

To,
The President,
Goa Barge Owners' Association,
Vasco da Gama.

The President,
Goa Mineral Ore Exporters' Association.
Panaji.

The President,
Goa Fishing Boat Owners' Association,
Vasco da Gama.

cc: Sr. Vice President, M/s. SWPL., Mormugao.

cc: Sr. Vice President(Ops.), M/s. WISL., Mormugao.

cc: Proprietor,
M/s. Vijay Marine Services,
Vasco da Gama.
(For Master Vijay Rakshak) - Kindly ensure that barges and fishing vessels
comply with the contents of this circular,
failing which, issue show cause notice.